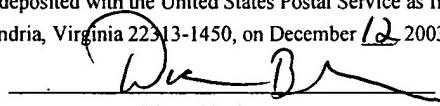




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SACCHAROPOLYSPORA ERYTHRAEA
HOST CELLS SUPPLIED WITH
MACROLACTONES

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Group Art Unit: 1652

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